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| For: FASTENER FOR USE WITH |) | |
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SIR:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. These documents were cited in a search report received from the European Patent Office in counterpart European application (copy attached hereto for convenience of Examiner).

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c) before the mailing date of any final action that closes prosecution in the application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1), it is certified that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, Applicant does not believe that a fee is due for filing this Statement.

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A copy of this sheet is enclosed for such purpose if required.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each of the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art." If it should be determined that the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

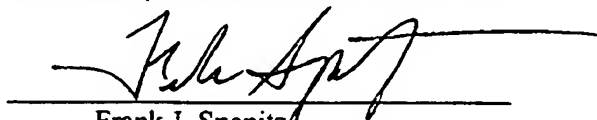
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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